

12th of June 2024

Addressed to

WHO Secretariat of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities

I am pleased to address this commitment letter, to express the interest of the city of Ghent, to join the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Since 2017, the concept of "Age-Friendly City" has been central to the mission of the Health and Care department of the city of Ghent. The policy document "Ghent, age-friendly city" is structured according to the 8 policy domains put forward by the World Health Organization.

Why would we like to participate in the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities:

- Learning from other cities: we believe there are many good practices and experiences in other cities that Ghent can learn from.
- Knowledge sharing: Ghent also has several good practices that we would like to share with other cities to facilitate cross-pollination and foster win-win cooperation.
- Building a global network with other cities and municipalities working on this issue.
- Creating more support within our own city, as an age-friendly city also benefits other groups.

We would like to express adherence to comply with the stages of the Age-Friendly Cities process, as well as with the mission and vision of the Network and the values promoted by the World Health Organization, as established in the Terms of Reference.

Hoping that the application will be favorably considered

Yours faithfully,

Rudy Coddens

In the name of the board of mayor and aldermen

City of Ghent

12th of June 2024